

## Osage Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

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Mr. Streater,

My name is Jeff Henry, and I am the President of the Osage County Cattlemen's Association (OCCA). The OCCA represents approximately 150 surface landowners in the County. Many members of the OCCA have widespread oil and gas operations conducted on their surface, and all have experienced numerous problems as a result of these operations, namely pollution of air, water and land; impacts to public health; destruction/devaluation of land due to building of roads, pipelines and powerlines; loss of rangeland productivity, and more. We believe that the problems are due in large part to the inadequacy of the Federal Regulations that are supposed to protect the interests of the surface landowners and the lands themselves, as well as inadequate enforcement.

Accordingly, on behalf of the OCCA and all surface landowners, I would like to request that the issues of (a) surface impacts of oil and gas operations in Osage County, (b) proposed changes to the Section 226 of Title 25 of the CFR to address these impacts, and (c) proposed improvements to enforcement of the Regulations, be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Osage Negotiated Rulemaking Committee scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2013, in Pawhuska. Please let me know if you need any additional information or to discuss what our presentations may include.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Henry

President 2012-204-14

Osage County Cattlemens Association

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